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Receipt is acknowledged of IDS of 2/23/98.

The Examiner requests identification of any litigation related to this application, patent #5536501.

Changes corrected by a certificate of correction must appear as original claims - not as underlined or Bracketed matter, as given at 1411.01 of MPEP, p. 1400-8 of the July 1998, 7th edition. In the present case, it is impossible to identify column and line. Applicant is requested to submit a cut up copy of the patent, in accord with the certificate of correction, and amendment in accordance with the 37

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CFR 1.173 column format at MPEP 1411, incorporating brackets and underlining as applicant has done on the application originally submitted.

Applicant should also submit evidence of support in the specification for the amendments presented, in accord with MPEP 1453.

The amendment filed with the application proposes amendments to the specification and claims which can not readily be determined to be in accord with the certificate of correction. A cut up copy of the patent is requested, showing column and line that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.121(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Neil Levy, whose telephone number is (703) 308-2412. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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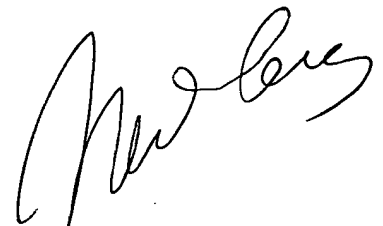
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Adams, Ph.D., J.D., can be reached on (703) 308-0570. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3592.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

LEVY; aco

January 22, 1999

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil S. Levy", is written in a cursive style.

NEIL S. LEVY
PRIMARY EXAMINER